

REMARKS

Election/Restrictions

The Office has restricted the amended claims into 11 distinct inventions, restricted on nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NOs:1, 2, 3, 24, 25, 26, 37, 38, 39, 51, 52), arguing that each sequence is chemically distinct and separable invention. Applicants elect SEQ ID NO:24 without traverse. Applicants have amended claim 1 in part to be restricted to SEQ ID NO:24, and further amended the claim to a nucleic acid sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to the sequence of SEQ ID NO:24. Support for the sequence identity limitation can be found on page 21, lines 29-32. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Office feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response; the Office is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

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